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NUCLEAR TRANSPORT)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the May 4, 2001 Office Action issued by the Examiner in connection with the above identified application. A response to the Office Action was originally due June 4, 2001. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed herewith. Therefore, a response is now due July 4, 2001. However, because July 4, 2001 is a holiday, a response filed on the next business day, namely July 5, 2001, is considered timely.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly separate and distinct inventions:

Group I Claims 1-37, drawn to a method of determining the presence of a nuclear localization signal in a protein of interest; and

Group II Claims 38-78, drawn to a method of determining the presence of a nuclear export signal in a protein of interest.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-37, for prosecution at this time.

Please direct any questions concerning this response to applicants' undersigned attorney at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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